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SUBJECT: B.A. PRESS ANNOUNCES AJA ESPIL DEMARCHE, NEWSOM VISIT

1. BUENOS AIRES AND PROVINCIAL DAILIES TODAY SATURDAY 20 MAY GAVE WIDE COVERAGE TO AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL'S DEMARCHE BEFORE DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER YESTERDAY. COVERAGE ALSO FEATURES NEWS THAT A HIGH LEVEL UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE IN BUENOS AIRES UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS NEWSOM, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL LEE J. SURUT AND REAR ADMIRAL GORDON J. SCHULLER.

2. "CLARIN" -- WHICH HAS ARGENTINA'S LARGEST CIRCULATION -- FRONTPAGED THE STORY UNDER THE HEADING "ARGENTINA DISPLEASURE OVER ATTITUDES OF THE UNITED STATES." THE STORY GOES ON TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR AJA ESPIL EXPRESSED THE VEXATION OF THE ARGENTINA GOVERNMENT OVER THE HOSTILE ATTITUDE OF "CERTAIN SECTORS" OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ACCUSING THESE SECTORS OF SPONSORING SANCTIONS AGAINST ARGENTINA AND WORKING TO BLOCK EXPORT-IMPORT BANK LOANS FOR THIS COUNTRY.

3. EXPANDING ON THE EX-IM BANK THEME, NEWS STORIES RELATE AJA ESPIL'S HAVING POINTED OUT TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED "SECTORS" HAD EVEN CREATED THE
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"ABSURD SITUATION" OF DENIAL OF LOANS -- HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED FOR THE YACYRETA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT -- WHICH WOULD PROFIT U.S. BUSINESS. FROM THIS THEME AJA ESPIL IS CITED HAVING MOVED TO A COMPARISON OF U.S. POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA -- WHICH ALLEGEDLY FAILS TO UNDERSTAND THE MARXIST THREAT HERE, SPECIFICALLY IN ARGENTINA -- WITH THAT TOWARD AFRICA, ABOUT WHICH AJA ESPIL PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER'S

"NEW" TOUGH LINE AGAINST ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND
CUBA.

4. REFERRING TO THE NEWSOM VISIT, ALONG WITH SURUT AND SCHULLER,
AJA ESPIL IS REPORTEDNLO BE "ENOURAGZW."
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